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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: W/W: JOEL ROCAMORA

REFS : A) MANILA 1279, B) 73 MANILA 124

1. SENATOR PERCY'S OFFICE HAS CONTACTED DEPT TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON STATUS OF JOEL ROCAMORA, (PHILIPPINE CITIZEN), ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES, AND TO REAFFIRM SENATOR PERCY'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE. DEPT HAS ALSO BEEN CONTACTED BY ARTHUR FREEMAN, FATHER OF ROCAMORA'S US CITIZEN WIFE NANCY FREEMAN ROCAMORA.

2. FREEMAN STATES HE RECEIVED CALL FROM NANCY JANUARY 25 THAT MILITARY POLICE WERE ATTEMPTING TO ARREST ROCAMORA "FOR QUESTIONING" AND THAT ROCAMORA HAD THUS FAR AVOIDED THEM. FREEMAN THINKS THAT ROCAMORA'S PROBLEM WITH GOVERNMENT MAY INVOLVE A PROJECT HE PERMITTED HIS STUDENTS TO DO ON CHICO RIVER DAM PROJECT (MANILA 1279).

3. ROCAMORA, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN 1972 AND FREED IN 1973 AFTER INTERCESSION BY PERCY, APPARENTLY THOUGHT HE HAD MADE HIS PEACE WITH MARCOS' GOVERNMENT. FREEMAN STATES  
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ROCAMORAS HAVE NOW DECIDED THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO LIVE IN



PHILIPPINES AND WISH TO DEPART FOR US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. NANCY ROCAMORA APPARENTLY INTENDS CONTACT ROBERT PRINGLE JANUARY 26.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ASAP AND EMBASSY COMMENTS ON WHETHER ROCAMORA WOULD BE PERMITTED BY GOP TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES. KISSINGER

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